

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has made revisions to the specification, canceled Claims 1-3, 5 and 7, and amended Claims 4 and 6, which remain pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 6 are independent claims.

The Examiner has maintained the propriety of the restriction requirement of record and made it FINAL. Therefore, Claims 1 and 2 stand withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, it is proposed herein that the instant claims be canceled in order to expedite prosecution of the present application. Notwithstanding, it should be noted that under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 121 Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification and rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bell et al. (US 7,619,585). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al. in view of McKenney (US 4,396,944). However, the Examiner indicated that Claims 4 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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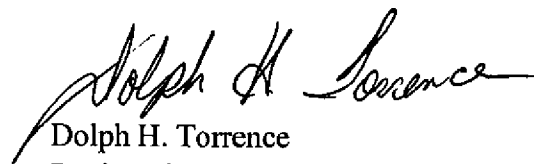
Applicant has amended the specification to provide a **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** and a **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**. Applicant has also attempted to arrange the specification in accordance with domestic guidelines. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is involved by the present revisions to the specification.

The cancellation of Claims 5 and 7 by the present amendment should serve to render the prior art rejections and the Section 112 rejection of record moot with regard to these claims.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has rewritten allowable Claims 4 and 6 in independent form. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 4 and 6 are allowable over the prior art of record.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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